

# Spending habits of Australian households: ABS

## Capital cities - average weekly household expenditure - selected categories Statistically significant differences between 1998-99 and 2003-04

Figures expressed as %

	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canb.	All
<b>Current housing costs</b>									
Rent	32	24	32					40	28
Interest component of mortgage repayments	63	44	37	67	79	63			55
<b>Domestic fuel and power</b>									
Electricity	20	34	37	51	26	40	31	38	31
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>									
Bread	13			17					6
Fresh milk		-11			-17				-6
Sugar		-23	-24						-17
Tea									
Coffee				-25					-9
Vegetables	18	18	23	31	27	23		33	21
Meat	31	19	23	34	40	37	24		27
Fish/seafood	40		55			66			28
Takeaway meals/fast food	26	12	23	23		42			20
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>									
Beer						42			
Wine						73			19
<b>Tobacco products</b>									
Cigarettes									
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>									
Men's clothing									
Women's clothing									
<b>Household furnishings/equipment</b>									
Household appliances									
<b>Household services/operation</b>									
Telephone, fixed line	13	8	16			22		22	11
Telephone, mobile	142	209	118	172	242	349	102	139	169
Child care			91						38
<b>Medical care/health expenses</b>									
Health/accident insurance	42	28			50	43	56	84	33
Health practitioners' fees	51			36	120			100	45
<b>Transport</b>									
Motor vehicle purchase				97					
Petrol	31	18	42	37	21	25	38	28	27
Public transport	36								22
<b>Recreation</b>									
Internet	218	707	146		217	179			232
Pay TV	323	313	192	493	417	224	593	650	317
Newspapers				51					
<b>Personal care</b>									
Toiletries/cosmetics				29					14
<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>									
Primary/secondary education fees									31
Higher education fees		144							63
<b>Total goods and services</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>

Differences have only been shown where they are statistically significant.

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